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WSSPC NEWS

2019 WSSPC Annual Business Meeting Minutes

The 2019 WSSPC Annual Business meeting was held April 26. The draft meeting minutes are available to be read on the WSSPC website at: <https://www.wsspc.org/us/minutes/annual-business-meeting-minutes/>.

If you have any comments on the minutes, please send them to the WSSPC office at wsspc@wsspc.org

2019 Adopted Policy Recommendations

During the WSSPC Annual Business Meeting on April 26, polices 19-1, 19-3, 19-4, 19-10, 19-11, and 9-12 were approved and adopted. They are posted on the WSSPC website at: <https://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/adopted-recommendations/>

WSSPC Committee Policy Assignments

The five draft polices now up for review were split amongst the three committees by the WSSPC to be reviewed this summer.

Basin and Range Province Committee

17-3: Earthquake Monitoring Networks (Basin and Range Committee)

17-8: Seismic Design and Construction of New Schools Devices (Engineering, Construction & Building Codes Committee)

Engineering, Construction, & Building Codes Committee

17-4 Identification and Mitigation of Unreinforced Masonry Structures (Engineering, Construction & Building Codes committee)

17-8: Seismic Design and Construction of New Schools Devices (Engineering, Construction & Building Codes Committee)

Tsunami Committee

17-1: Improving Tsunami Public Education and Warning Procedures for Distant and Local Sources (Tsunami Committee)

17-7: Earthquake Early Warning Systems (Tsunami Committee)

The draft policies are ready for committees to start the review process and can be read on the WSSPC website at: <https://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/2020-wsspc-draft-policy-recommendations/>



*Executive Director Matthew Wall
at Jackson Laboratory Resource Day*

Jackson Laboratory Community Resource Day

On May 8th WSSPC attended the Safety fair at Jackson Laboratory in Sacramento, California. The fair was held in an effort to educate Jackson Laboratory employees on emergency preparedness, public safety, and health. Approximately 80 employees visited the WSSPC table to learn more about who we are and what they can do to protect themselves before, during, and after an earthquake.

In the course of the discussions, many of the employees learned about what WSSPC does and what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Many left our booth with a greater knowledge of what resources are out there to help you get prepared and how to “DROP, COVER, and HOLD



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WSSPC is taking the initiative to form an Earthquake Clearinghouse Work Group:

WSSPC in forming an Earthquake Clearinghouse Work Group! This Work Group recognizes:

- Existing plans and processes may need updating
- Where plans and processes don't exist, they can be created and implemented
- When an event occurs, few WSSPC members have the capacity to staff and operate a Clearinghouse over an extended time period

This initiative is supported via:

- WSSPC Policy Recommendation 19-3 *Post-Earthquake Technical Clearinghouses*, located at: https://www.wsspc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PR_19-3_Clearinghouses_Version3_111518-2.pdf
- Board approval as stated during the Board Meeting on April 26, 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT
- Interest expressed by other WSSPC members as stated at the Annual Business Meeting in Salt Lake City
- Willingness to participate and support the process as communicated by other partners; to include EERI, FEMA, USGS, and CUSEC

The Earthquake Clearinghouse Work Group process will start with the review of existing plans, policies, and templates to evaluate what works and what needs to be updated. Once that is completed, the next step is to work to develop a "framework" from which members who do not have an existing Clearinghouse Plan can work from to create their own. Long-term, the intent is for the Working Group to develop and support workshops, training, etc. It's expected most work will be done virtually (teleconference, SharePoint, webinar, etc.) with at least one face-to-face meeting each year.

If you have an interest in participating in or supporting this Working Group, please email Matthew Wall at mwall@wsspc.org

We are Accepting Input for our Resources and Reports Webpage !

We are currently updating our resources and reports page on our website! We are looking for input on what you would like to see in our resources page and any specific articles, studies, or projects you would like displayed there.

If you have any ideas, either on the concept for the page or possible content, please email our program manager Lara Brodetsky at lbrodetsky@wsspc.org.



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Upcoming Workshops and Events:

EERI Northern California Chapter Meeting on EEW

June 3, 2019

San Francisco, California

<http://www.eerinc.org/?p=61137>

HETAC Meeting

June 22, 2019

Honolulu, Hawaii

Unreinforced Masonry Workshop

June 25-26, 2019

Salt Lake City, Utah

NEMA Earthquake Subcommittee Work Group

June 26, 2019

Lexington, Kentucky

AEG 62nd Meeting

September 17-22, 2019

Asheville, North Carolina

<https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/>

National Earthquake Conference (NEC)

March 4-6, 2020

San Diego, California

<http://earthquakeconference.org/>

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